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## Mississippi's Pledge at Savannah.

W. JAMES ROBINSON.

Under this caption Dr. Yarborough wrote very wisely last week. We need to be up and doing valiant things for the Master. The time is indeed short, less than two months remain, but the time in a sense more precious is very short; human souls are passing into eternity rapidly and for their welfare immediate action is needed. The great thing now needed is not to stress the redemption of our pledge, but to properly estimate obedience to Him who loved us and gave himself for us; and next to that the value of human souls. When you find a man who properly estimates obedience to Christ you can easily teach him all we can grasp of the value of souls, and this knowledge and love will so open his heart as to cause a golden stream to flow into the Lord's treasury.

Water Valley has made her offering toward redeeming our Savannah pledge, and whether we did our part or not what we did is now history; many if not all of us, wish it had been more.

God has put into our hearts great agencies for advancing his kingdom among men, and the least of these is not our Home Mission Board. Its success determines in a very large measure the success of our Foreign Mission work. To be sure its work is on the principle and largely of the character of our State Boards, except in Cuba, but it has a distinct feature we must not overlook. It looks over our southland as a whole and tries to even up the work, making the working force of equal efficiency in all parts of the country. To illustrate: In Louisiana Baptists are a feeble folk, but there is a great population, New Orleans having over 300,000 inhabitants with a little less than 1,000 Baptists, while in Georgia Baptists are strong compared with the population. Now, the Home Board's purpose is to make the army of the Lord of equal efficiency in these two States and so over all the South.

Every soul won to the Lord through the agency of the Home Board is a soldier in the forces of his State, and a contributor to Foreign Missions as well. In other words the Home Board keeps State work well poised and united to the State work makes foreign work possible. All mission work is a compliance with the command to love your neighbor as yourself, and this is especially so of Home Mission work.

I would not if I could, detract one cent, withhold one kind word, or hinder a single prayer for Foreign Missions, but on the other hand wish we had given many times what we have to this work. I only plead for a proper estimate of the Home Board's work. It is this board, and it

alone, that is holding our frontiers to Baptists and laboring for the redemption of our large cities. If Home Mission work had never been inaugurated much of Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and other States that now have great prospects, would have been forever lost to us. This board's territory is not decreasing but is rapidly increasing and will continue to do so. The population of the South is rapidly increasing and our gulf ports, with the assurance of canal, will soon make the South America's commercial battle field. Foreign immigrants are pouring in and will soon be coming as a mighty flood and we must, by the grace of God, change their moral and religious complexion or they will change ours. Which shall it be? The Home Board is the agency to use if we would effectually meet the issue. Not less for foreign missions but more all along the line for God's glory.

Water Valley, Miss.

## Quoting God's Word.

The Word of God is sacred, and the greatest care should be observed in quoting it. Please read Rev. 22:18-19, Deut. 3:2, etc., to see what an awful thing it is to add to or take from it.

There is one text of Scripture in particular, the incorrect quoting of which is becoming of late very common, and it is to this I desire especially to call attention in this article. You will find it in the first chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans and at the 15th verse—"For I am ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

In sermons and newspaper articles it is fearfully frequent to have to note the quotation of only a part of the apostles language, "the gospel is the power of God unto salvation." In a recent article in THE BAPTIST a good brother quotes it in part in this manner "... the gospel—which alone is "the power of God unto salvation." Now it is true that Paul used those words but he did not say what those words imply or seem to express with the words "to every one that believeth" left off. In other words the apostles did not without qualification, say that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation. If you will turn to 1st Cor. 1:18, you will find a definition of what he said in Romans that is clear and unmistakable, "For the preaching of the Cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." If we do not quote him as saying "for the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" then we make him contradict himself in the language used in 1st

Corinthians.

Brethren maybe simply careless, and do not intend to misrepresent the apostle, but the effect is all the same. Why did Paul add the words "to every one that believeth"—without even a comma between them and what precede, if they have no significance? Is there not a fundamental doctrine taught in their use that does not appear without them? He who looks to the gospel alone as the power of God to save the unbelieving sinner ignores the essential work of the Holy Spirit in the matter of man's salvation. The gospel unbelieved is not the power of God unto salvation, because Paul says it is the power of God unto salvation, *to every one that believeth*. In answer to a query touching this subject, Dr. J. B. Gambrell of Texas, makes use of these forceful words:

"It is unquestionably true that the gospel is the power of God to salvation only to those who believe it, not simply to those who may hear it. Short of faith in Jesus Christ there is no salvation." "The limit of salvation is the limit of faith and this is the point to be pressed earnestly and constantly upon all who hear the gospel." "The point is of great practical value."

There is no salvation short of faith in Jesus Christ. Hence no power in the gospel to save those who do not believe. Men may be systematically taught the Scriptures from childhood to manhood, yet, without faith in Jesus Christ it is "sounding brass." So when we quote the apostle let us say, "for the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" lest we appear to subordinate faith to a knowledge of the Scriptures.

J. R. SAMPLE.

## Growth of Christianity by Centuries.

Close of first century.....	500,000
Close of second century.....	2,000,000
Close of third century.....	5,000,000
Close of fourth century.....	10,000,000
Close of fifth century.....	15,000,000
Close of sixth century.....	20,000,000
Close of seventh century.....	25,000,000
Close of eighth century.....	30,000,000
Close of ninth century.....	40,000,000
Close of tenth century.....	50,000,000
Close of eleventh century.....	70,000,000
Close of twelfth century.....	80,000,000
Close thirteenth century.....	75,000,000
Close of fourteenth century...	80,000,000
Close of fifteenth century.....	100,000,000
Close of sixteenth century.....	125,000,000
Close of seventeenth cent'y.....	155,000,000
Close of eighteenth cent'y.....	200,000,000
Present time.....	400,000,000

—Presbyterian Year Book.



## The Idea and Its Sources of Power

BY SELSUS E. TULL

The missionary idea is a great idea. It is great in the light of its scope. It is not narrow or local. It does not apply solely to any one class of people or to any one section of country; but it is universal in its scope and seeks the good of every people and to touch the ends of the earth. This view of the missionary idea will broaden any man who looks upon it seriously. It lifts him out of his prejudices, his localized interests, his concentered doctrinal beliefs, and gives him a vision of God's higher purposes for the entire race. He catches the vision as God sees it when He looks down into human need. The vision is transforming because no man can look upon it without having his sympathies broadened, his prayers enlarged, his efforts quickened.

The missionary idea is a great idea in the light of its purpose. The thought that purposes the generation of a single man or woman stretches beyond human conception and lays hold on divine thought and acknowledges divine power. The thought grows into sublime proportions as it includes in its purpose the regeneration of a community or State or nation, but it reaches the divine ideal when it seeks the salvation of every human being of every kindred, nation, tongue and people of all the earth. Again the missionary idea transforms because it lifts one into touch with the divine purpose.

The missionary idea is a great idea because of what it encounters. We measure the strength of armies by what they are able to encounter and overcome. Think of the obstacles in the way of the world's evangelization. Numerically the unsaved outweigh the saved by millions. Whole nations lie in darkness, hardened in prejudice because they love darkness rather than light. The forces of wickedness are tremendous and stubborn. Idolatry, infidelity, fanaticism, Romanism, alcoholism, these are only some of the monsters of evil that encounter the forces of righteousness. Worse yet is the fact that the church is lying on her guns, little heeding the cries of the world's need and hearing not the command of God, drunk on the pleasures of the world while the enemy grows bolder and stronger. In the face of these facts, the man who conceives the idea of world-wide missions has taken into his heart a tremendous thought. He brings the highest tribute of a great faith to Jesus Christ. He lays hold on the mightiest force in the commission—"all power is given me in heaven and in earth."

Notwithstanding the difficulties in the way and the superhuman character of the concept there are some who dare to preach the missionary idea and even talk of its possible triumph in this generation.

It were certainly folly to preach the doctrine of world-wide evangelization from a human point of view. Here is where the church has made the great mistake for all these centuries. We view a divine idea

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from the standpoint of human weakness. We forget that Jesus Christ linked the "power in heaven and in earth" to human effort when he gave the commission. "Power-belongeth unto God." He is the source of power and He is the author of the missionary idea. But is this power available? Is there any way by which this power can be conserved and directed into the pulse of human life and into the channel of human effort? Yes, listen! "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." In the advent of the Holy Spirit the power of God came down to earth as the abiding source of power to be grasped and applied by human agency.

There are those who have preached God's sovereignty in man's salvation until they have made people forget that God can be sovereign in his power and yet use instrumentality to accomplish his purposes. God's power is sovereign and is the only power that can accomplish divine results, but God is not erratic or arbitrary with his power. He has channels through which he displays the "effectual workings of his power," and these channels themselves become sources of power, but not apart from God's declared will and purpose. The missionary idea nowhere contradicts God's sovereignty. The idea becomes very tangible and practical and enters the divine unity of all God's plans when we do not consider God's power in the abstract but link it with an agency of service. Consider steam in the abstract and it is intangible, but give it proper channels and it moves the wheels of commerce. Just so, we may talk forever about God's sovereign power and while we talk the lost world will die without a knowledge of that power to save, and the church will die from spiritual inertia. Away with the idea that the doctrine of missions disparages God's sovereignty or contravenes his will! If the missionary idea has ever done one thing it has vindicated God's sovereignty and verified his will in the salvation of the lost. It has proven that God can save and will save a lost soul in China or Africa the same as in America.

God's power is omnipotent and absolute. His throne is the seat of universal dominion in realms both spiritual and material, but because God chooses to use agencies to serve his will is no reason to say that he is not sovereign both of that agency and its results.

Then let us praise God that he is pleased to use human agency in the high and eternal business of soul saving. The missionary idea acknowledges the honor and gratefully speeds with the news to every land that God's sovereign power according to his sovereign will through the abundance of his sovereign grace may "reign in life by one Jesus Christ" unto the eternal salvation of every man in all the earth.

Let us now name some of these agencies of power by which God's sovereign will may be magnified and glorified in all the earth.

(1) The power of the divine command. Any man who lays hold of the divine com-

mand of God, touches the main spring of the divine will and opens the currents of divine power. The authority of the messenger is in the command that sent him. The ministry will lose its claim on the attention of men when the minister forgets the dignity and authority of his calling and ceases to impress men with the fact that the divine command is behind him. God has spoken, let the earth hear!

(2) The power of the gospel message. "It hath pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." The gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation. Men may call it foolishness; if they will, nevertheless it is still the power of God unto salvation, and no man is saved until he accepts the gospel. The history of the missionary idea has proven this beyond all question both positively and negatively. Men are being saved all the time and everywhere when they hear and accept the gospel, but no man ever was saved who never heard or accepted the gospel. How imperative then is our obligation to carry the Word of Life to those who have heard it not.

(3) The power of the individual life. Jesus said: "Ye are the light of the world," "let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Thus every individual Christian becomes a means of power, a source of light. The greatest argument for Christianity is a Christian. He is the living witness, the unanswerable testimony of saving power.

(4) The power of the church. The church is the armory for all the instruments of God's saving power in the world. It is the conservator and the propagator of the means of salvation. The command was given to the church. The gospel is her song and theme. She is that divinely appointed kingdom of individuals every one of whom is a witness of power.

We are prone to discuss our weaknesses, but we have no weakness except that we are not missionary. To be missionary is to yield oneself without question as the instrument of God's purpose in the salvation of lost men knowing that his is the "power the kingdom and the glory."

A great artist stands before a splendid audience. He touches his instrument and it trembles with ecstasies of sound. The audience is swayed, enraptured, conquered. The master smashes his violin across a chair and leaves the stage abruptly. The people think he is mad and in his rage has destroyed an instrument of priceless worth. An usher steps to the front and announces that the master is not mad as they suppose and that the ruined instrument was bought at a pawn shop in the city for seventy-five cents. The master had broken the simple instrument to show the people that the power and charm was in himself and not the instrument. Just so may your life however worthless in itself under the power of the divine touch stretch out in blessing to all the world and glorify your Master unto generations yet unborn.

Kosciusko, Miss.

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## A True Story.

BY AUNT BESS.

There are many boys who make themselves unhappy wishing for an education; and yet make no sacrifice to gain one.

They feel they are intended for better things than menial labor; yet make no exertion to rise higher. Why is this? I believe it is largely a false pride that holds them back and prevents them from trying; for many boys have an idea that when they go to college they must "float in money," and because they have not the money to float in, they drift in the insignificant channel that their insignificant lives beat out. Somehow it is hard to learn that it is not the outward appearance that makes the man, but the strength of mind and the goodness of heart. The following true story I relate hoping it will put some of our boys to thinking: There was once a young sailor boy who decided his life could be made more useful if he was educated. So he left the sea and with a dollar and a half in his pocket, presented himself to one of our best colleges.

There he hired himself as cook to one of the cottages (as the young men's boarding places are called). This paid his board. He sold the slops to his washer woman to pay for his washing. His clothes were badly worn. Twice had his shoes been half sold, and he had stitched them across the top until stitches were not available to keep out the snow. On he went nothing daunting him until his class had to have new books. He had no money to get them, so he told one of the Professors he would have to leave school. "Why, are you in need of clothes? kindly inquired the Professor.

Oh! no, sir, not that; the clothes I cook in will do to study in, but I am not able to procure books, so I must leave school to hunt work," sadly said the boy.

During the session he had conducted himself in such a manner as to gain the esteem of both pupils and teachers. Even the citizens were interested in the pleasant-faced, ambitious boy, and when they learned of his intentions to leave school, a good Christian lady offered him the necessary assistance. His manly spirit rebelled at the idea of charity, but after prayerfully considering the matter he thankfully accepted the proffered kindness, and so continued at school. Thus he works and lives to complete his education. Today he stands a bright beacon, beautiful in his exemplary life, sublime in his aspirations, guiding and directing his brothers in the way of truth and duty. Such souls as his are truly blessed.

Only such know true happiness.

The boy who aspires to life's noblest treasures, and humbles his pride to gain them, is sure of success. Our country would be blessed with more benefactors had more of our boys the courage of this young man to overcome false pride, and live for a nobler purpose than satisfying the body.

"Take no thought in saying: What shall we eat? or

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What shall we drink? or

Wherewith shall we be clothed.

For your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye hath need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you. Matt. vi. 31, 33.

Hattiesburg, Miss.

## The Declining Church.

Among the many things seen and heard by John when in banishment on the isle of Patmos, was the message of Christ to his churches. And in the message to the church at Ephesus, one can see that the Head records and rewards all faithful service; not one single thing passes unobserved, and if it merits a reward it is granted.

The Christians at Ephesus were commended for their work, labors, suffering, patience, and holy intolerance. And looking at that church from a twentieth century standpoint, it seems that if any church could have said "What lack we yet" this was such an one; but not so, the Lord turns from commendation to censure. "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love."

To my mind every church exists for one purpose, and that is for the salvation of souls; not in the sense that the church saves the soul, but that she, through the Holy Spirit, is to perform her mission. And in order to perform her God-given mission, she must have two characteristics—Evangelical and Evangelistic—and these two characteristics are indispensable to the well being of every church, and from their very nature are inseparable.

Evangelical in the sense of seeking the favor, the grace, the mercy, the wisdom, and love of God.

Evangelistic in that she gives out to the world that which she has received of the Spirit. Then from the very nature of the Spirit, it would follow that when a church ceases to be evangelistic, it would cease to be evangelical, and when it ceases to be evangelical, it ceases to exist as a true church of God however primitive or apostolic it may appear in outward form or constitution.

On more than one occasion Christ intimated that he was going to transfer his prerogative as the world's evangelist to his disciples, once he said: "I am the light of the world," and again: "Ye are the light of the world, the salt of the earth, and my witnesses not only in Judea and Jerusalem, but in the uttermost parts of the earth."

When Christ was about to withdraw his visible presence from his disciples, by way of encouragement, he said: "All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth, go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

And this is the Magna Charta under which every church is to work; by this

document every Christian is held responsible; and by the Christ who gave it every church is to be rewarded or punished.

I wonder if Christ does not have somewhat against some of the churches of Mississippi, because we have failed to properly regard the Magna Charta given us?

History stands as a perpetual proof to the fact that when a church ceases to be evangelistic, she ceases to be a power for God and good. Doubtless the apostolic age was the greatest age for church growth and development; then every Christian believed it to be as binding to be a missionary, (at least in spirit) as to teach and pray at home. But as soon as the church settled down to enjoy "God's grace at home, regardless of perishing millions around, her candle grew dim and the light was hid behind Jehovah's frown.

To my mind it was never intended that any Christian should confine his power and influence to the narrow sphere known as self, nor to confiscate the grace of God to be used on self alone, and thus to consume the very temple of the Holy Spirit. As a church (not a denomination) what are we doing individually for the evangelization of our communities, our State, our home land, and what for the poor heathen? are we doing what God expects us to do, or will he be disappointed in us?

"Hark the voice of Jesus crying  
Who will go and work today,  
Fields are white and harvest waiting  
Who will bear the sheaves away."

Loud and strong the Master calleth  
Rich rewards he offers thee,  
Who will answer gladly saying,  
"Here am I, send me, send me."

L. G. GATES.

Senatobia, Miss.

## Meridian, Miss.

It is rarely ever the case that we see any thing in your valuable paper in regard to the First Church in this city. We have the best church house in the State, its seating capacity, including the Sunday-school room, is about 800. In 1895, we had 352 members, we now have 553, showing an increase of 201 members in about 9 years, an average of about 23 members a year. Our pastor, Dr. R. A. Venable, is a scholarly man and perhaps the best teacher in the State, and a strictly gospel preacher, and always at his post. The congregations are generally good. Our Sunday-school has enrolled about 300 scholars and is taught by our brother, A. H. Bozeman, who is a young lawyer and a par excellence teacher. The school is on the increase all the time in numbers and influence.

We have a fine choir led by the inimitable Mrs. L. P. Joiner—the sweetest singer in the South. Her choir is the drawing card in the church which brings the people out that they may be taught the way of the Lord. We are to commence a protracted meeting on last Sunday, the 21st. We are expecting a fine meeting—and hope to have a great increase of members as there are a great many Baptists in our city with their letters—and not connected with any church.

Yours in brotherly love,

W. C.



## Our History.

I have just received the new history of Mississippi Baptists, by Z. T. Leavell and T. J. Bailey. It is a book that ought to be in the library of every preacher in Mississippi, in fact it ought to have a place in every home in Mississippi.

It is an extensive work in two volumes containing over 1,500 pages. Cloth bound, it costs \$3.00; bound in sheep, \$4.00. Every volume ought to be speedily taken. They are for sale by The Baptist Publishing Co., Jackson, Miss., Rev. T. J. Bailey, Manager. I commend the work because of its high value.

Very truly,  
W. T. LOWREY.

## Foreign Missions.

As was stated in THE BAPTIST two weeks ago, Antioch and Concord, two Rankin county churches, had covenanted together to support a native missionary in China, and as Bro. Stone stated Antioch had its offering.

The second Sunday in this month at Concord we made our offering to foreign missions, which amounted to over \$50. It was a great day with us. We thank God and take courage. Fifty dollars of this offering we sent to the foreign field, the other we put in the Lord's treasury. The Lord is no longer a pauper in our church.

Yours for the Master,  
S. B. CULPEPPER.  
Clinton, Miss., Feb. 22, 1904.

## A Letter From a Granddaughter to Her Grandmother on Her 74th Birthday.

MY DEAR GRANDMA:

Friday is your birthday, and I want to send you this little note to let you know, as the children say, that I have not forgotten you.

I am so glad that the dear Lord has seen fit to spare you to us for so long a time, and earnestly hope that you and grandpa too will be spared, in health and strength, to many more years with us; and, that each year of your life you will grow happier and find more peace and joy in living.

There is nothing more beautiful than old age, when a long life has been spent in serving God, and faith has grown stronger as the years passed onward—and in life's evening to be able to look back over a well spent life and forward to the "mansions of rest" in the heavenly city and an eternity of joy and happiness.

I think it a special blessing to young people to have around them the "old folks" who have almost finished life's journey—it is a beautiful example to them, that is, if the "old people" are Christians and have lived such lives as my dear grandparents have. I love to think of you and grandpa and how peaceful you are in your old age. I hope I may live to be as old and be so full of God's grace.

May God spare you both to us many more happy birthdays and bless our dear little home with your presence, is the loving wish of your fond grandchild.

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### On the M. & O. R. R.

THE BAPTIST tramp spent last week interviewing Baptist folks along the line of the M. & O. The first halt was at West Point. Rev. W. T. Hudson is the efficient and beloved pastor at this place. To the regret of this scribe, he was absent from home. Through the assistant pastoreess it was learned that he was sick in Memphis. It is hoped that he will soon be well again. Rev. E. B. Miller lives here and the tramp had the pleasure of spending a night in his home and making the acquaintance of his family. The family consists of himself and wife, two daughters and two sons. The father and mother-in-law live with them. The wife being an only child, she is happy in having her parents live with them. THE BAPTIST has some warm friends in this city.

STARKVILLE.

Was the next place visited. Rev. M. K. Thornton leads in the Lord's work here. The tramp found shelter and delightful entertainment in his home. The bishop and his good wife knew how to make the visiting brother feel at home. The tramp was brought under lasting obligations to Pastor Thornton for the use of his horse and buggy, and then, the eldest daughter, Miss Annie Vive, became his escort and directed the way so that without difficulty all the people were found. Annie Vive is a most interesting young lady of five summers, but she knew the way and her sprightly chatter enlivened the journey. In the afternoon Brother T. took charge and a drive of some two hours showed up the town. A trip out to the A. & M. College was much enjoyed. This is indeed a great school. Through State beneficence the boys of the State may secure an education if they have pluck and energy. Brother T. remarked, "if a young man can reach here with \$50 in his pocket he can go through, 'cheap enough, eh?'"

COLUMBUS.

Was the next objective point. Rev. A. J. Miller is the efficient pastor of this church. A gracious welcome was given to his home. The good bishop took ye tramp in his buggy and showed him the people, and right nobly did they respond. Renewals and new subscribers, rewarded the effort. Such was the experience also at Starkville.

Some thirty five years since this tramp was a frequent visitor to this charming town, but had not visited it since. What a change since then! While here the scribe met Mrs. A. M. Jobe, and incidentally it was learned that this dear sister has taught a class in the Baptist Sunday School of the First Church for the past fifty years, and rarely ever missing a Sabbath. And still she does not grow weary in well doing. How pleasing such a record! Another pleasing statement: Deacon F. M. Jacobs remarks, during 1903, the church made the finest record both in labors and contributions that she has made in twenty years.

While waiting for his train the tramp found one of his old army comrades—a

Brother Childs—whom he had not met since the war closed. The meeting was of course pleasant.

The prayer services at Starkville and Columbus were attended by this scribe, and with pleasure he records his enjoyment of the same. At no points in the State has he witnessed larger attendance or a deeper spiritual uplift than at these two churches. It was a real joy to participate with the saints in the house of the Lord.

O. M. LUCAS.

## Enon.

I wish to say a few words about the work at Enon, a country church six miles south of D'Lo. The church was organized two years ago. Last September I was called to the work, found the brethren worshipping in a school house. So we began to build at once. Notwithstanding we only had 34 members our house was ready to hold service, in February, second Sunday. The people seemed so happy over the work. We expect to ceil the house and paint it next summer, the Lord willing. We expect to do a good business here for the Lord. This is the eighth church house I have had built under my ministry since '82, so the good work goes on, the Lord be praised for it all.

J. C. BUCKLEY.

Schley, Miss.

## Punishment of the Wicked.

Governors are sent by God for the punishment of evil-doers. And they bear not the sword in vain: For they are the ministers of God to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. The law is not made for a righteous man but for the lawless and disobedient for the ungodly and for sinners for the unholy and profane for murderers for whoremongers, for liars, for perjured persons and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine.

The way of the transgressor is hard. The wicked man traveleth with pain all his days. Trouble and anguish shall prevail against him. Terrors shall make him afraid on every side. A dreadful sound is in his ears and he is in great fear where no fear is.

He shall find no ease nor rest. For the Lord shall give him a trembling heart and failing of eyes and sorrow of mind. And his life shall hang in doubt before him and he shall fear day and night and shall have no assurance of his life. In the morning he shall say, would God it were even and even, he shall say would God it were morning for fear of his heart wherewith he shall fear. His life shall be grievous unto him. There is no place (saith the Lord) unto the wicked. But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. The spirit of man will sustain his infirmity. But a wounded spirit who can bear. They that are in the flesh cannot please God. If ye forsake the Lord he will cast you off forever. He will love you no more. God is angry with the wicked every day: The foolish shall not stand in his sight. He hateth all workers of iniquity. The Lord is far

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from the wicked. Their iniquities have separated between them and their God, and their sins have hid his face from them (saith the Lord) when I depart from them. As the wicked do not like to retain God in their knowledge, God giveth them over to a reprobate mind to do those things which are not convenient: For this cause also, God shall send them strong delusion that they should believe a lie that they all may be damned that believe not the truth but have pleasure in unrighteousness. The wicked are reserved to the day of destruction, they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath. They shall be turned into hell where their worm dieth not and where the fire is not quenched, but the wrath of God abideth on them. Behold the day cometh when the Son of Man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend and them which do iniquity and shall cast them into a furnace of fire, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. In that day shall the Lord Jesus be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his power. Behold the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints to execute judgment upon all and to convince all that are ungodly among men of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. The day of the Lord cometh with wrath and fierce anger and he will punish the world for their iniquity. He will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible, neither shall any strengthen himself in the iniquity of his life. The day of the wicked shall come when their iniquity shall have no end. And the Lord shall take from them their strength the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes and that whereupon they set their minds.

Horror also shall cover them and shame shall be upon all faces and pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them. And in those days shall men seek death and shall not find it, and shall desire to die and death shall flee from them. And the kings of the earth and the great men and the rich men and the chief captains and the mighty men shall say to the mountains and rocks to fall on us and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne and the wrath of the Lamb. For the great day of his wrath is come and who shall be able to stand?

R. J. O'BRYAN.

## From the Delta.

As little news has appeared in THE BAPTIST lately with reference to the Delta it may not be out of place to write a few lines. There have been several pastoral changes, some of which no notice has been given. Bro. J. E. Barnett has been pastor at Clarksdale since the beginning of the year. This has been a mission point for

several years and it seems hard for the Baptists to become firmly established at this important town. The State Board is fortunate in securing the services of Bro. Barnett and we shall expect good reports from that work. Bro. C. H. Mize has been located at Sumner for some months. The church at that place secured a good pastor's home for Bro. Mize, so that he is now at home. The church at Indianola called Bro. W. A. Lusk from Kentucky, some weeks ago. He has not yet arrived on the field but is expected soon.

The writer has been located at Leland since January 1st and is much pleased with the reception which has been accorded him and his family.

There is still an important field open at Belen and Tunica, but we understand they are negotiating with one of our bright young men to become their pastor. We hope the arrangement will be made.

The home of worship at Rosedale is in course of construction as also one at Rolling Fork. Both will soon be ready for occupancy.

Fraternally,

E. T. MOBBERY.

Leland, Miss.

## "Is It True?"

Apropos of the article headed as above by Bro. Sample in the last issue of THE BAPTIST, I heartily agree with him. We have all heard for years past from Sunday School enthusiasts that the Church of Christ which He, God in the flesh, constituted and founded, was indebted to man's institution, the Sunday School, for the majority of its members. Brethren, hear me through please. While I could not discredit nor underrate the glorious work of the Sunday School, yet I unhesitatingly say it is not true, and that the church is not indebted to the Sunday School for the majority, nor even for half of its members. But you say, Why is it then that the majority of church members are converted while they are in Sunday School? Simple enough. The majority of Christians are converted in the days of their youth, and in their teens. In this land of Christian civilization the majority of children under age (21 years) are found attendants upon some Sunday School, either from a desire for good, respectable and congenial association, or from compulsion on the part of respectable Christian parents; hence the majority brought into the church, being converted in their youth, are found also to be from some Sunday School; not because the Sunday School is more effective than God's plan of the church and preaching, but because the Sunday School is where those most susceptible, being young, are found. If the Sunday School is entitled to the credit for the conversion of 95 per cent. of church members, etc., we can with equal fairness claim that the day school, where religion is rarely taught, furnishes about 100 per cent. for about all church members have been to day schools, and the majority of them scholars when converted.

God bless and prosper the Sunday School, but do not rob the spirit of God of

His credit. "By grace are ye saved and that not of yourselves," not by Sunday Schools, "it is the gift of God." The blessed Spirit of God alone and only can regenerate, "lest any man should boast."

W. W. WHITFIELD.

We call the attention of our readers this week to the fact that J. W. Patton, of this city, bought out the interest of Mr. White in the music business formerly known as Patton & White, some time ago, and will continue same at their old stand in this city. Mr. Patton was the original owner of this business before Mr. White entered it, and is thoroughly acquainted with all its details as well as the wants and requirements of his friends and patrons. We can say without fear of ever having to retract the statement that Mr. Patton will never leave anything undone which will please those who trade with him. We therefore bespeak for him a goodly share of the patronage of our readers. When wanting anything in the music line write to him for catalogues and prices.

## A Good Citizen.

Jesse Brown kept a store of general merchandise at Gerard, Louisiana. His maternal ancestors were the well known and highly respected family of Brumbys of Holmes County, Miss. He was an educated and refined Christian gentleman—a man of absolute integrity, unwavering truthfulness, and uniform honesty.

On the morning of February 20, when it was yet dark, some one called him to the door of his store, shot him down, placed him in bed, crushed his skull, and to burn away all traces of the crime set fire to the bed, which however was stayed by the profusely-flowing blood from his wounded body. Everybody was amazed, grieved, indignant. It was thought that he had no enemy in the world.

Three negroes were suspected of the crime, and there was good reason for the suspicion. The community was excited, and a lynching was feared. But Dr. Frank Brown, brother of the murdered man, and while we were putting away the mangled body in the family burying ground at Bolton, Mississippi, remained in Louisiana, quieted the people, urging that there should be no lawlessness, no mob violence, and that the accused negroes should have a fair and impartial hearing. Upon his assurance of protection, and that no injustice should be done them, these negroes were examined, and they proved beyond all question that they were elsewhere when the crime was committed.

Such regard for law and order, such restraint and self control, such kind consideration for the ignorant and weak, such unwavering devotion to duty under the most trying circumstances is worthy of wide knowledge and universal imitation. I am the pastor of the crushed mother and sister, and know whereof I speak. This is one way to prevent mob violence. We bless God for such citizens as Dr. Brown.

H. F. S.



## Tokens of Encouragement.

BY E. E. BOMAR.

Every Bible reader is familiar with the story of the experience of Gideon. His experiences have their parallel today in our Foreign Mission work. What was it the Lord did for Gideon? He encouraged him by assuring him of God's unseen presence, or the real weakness of the hosts of the enemy, and the power of even a few of God's chosen ones when they went forward in His might. Referring to the narrative in Judges 6:37-40, the Lord gave Gideon the two signs that he craved; He caused dew to come, in drenching quantity, on the fleece on the rock one night, and the next night caused the dew to fall on the rock but not on the fleece. What a beautiful token of the presence and power of the unseen God!

In our Foreign Mission work He has given us similar tokens. We prayed for open doors, and lo, the world is wide open; we have prayed God to bless our missionaries, and how they are not able to keep up with the work. The mighty hosts of the enemy are before them and us, but God has surely demonstrated that He is with us.

Looking again at the narrative, we find another assurance given by God to His honest-hearted but trembling servant. Judges 7:9-14 shows how the Lord caused Gideon to see the real enemy. In the silence of the night, the Lord caused him to see "the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the East in the valley like grasshoppers for a multitude, and their camels without number, as the sands of the sea for a multitude." But Gideon heard a man telling his fellows of a dream he had had, "when a cake of barley bread tumbled into the hosts of Gideon, and came unto a tent and smote it, and it fell and overturned it that the tent lay along. And his fellow servant said, 'This is nothing else save the sword of Gideon—' for into his hand hath God delivered Midian.'" A host into the hands of Gideon! So it came to pass.

The great hosts of idolators the whole world over are against the Lord; but great as is their number God has shown us their real weakness—weakness that is almost pitiful. Did you know that up to 1842 all nations were afraid of China, that huge aggregation of strange homogeneous and apparently powerful people? But God has shown us their real weakness, and the weakness of all the nations of the world that know not God. As surely as God delivered the Midianites and Amalekites into the hands of Gideon and his fellows so has the Lord made it plain by the labors of Carey, Mathman, Ward, Day, Patton, Yates and other faithful ones that there is no overcoming power in the false religions of the earth. On the contrary, though countless as the sands of the sea, they are our prey if we will but go forward.

Another parallel: Gideon, at the Lord's command, dismissed the fearful and faint of heart (Judges 7:1-9), and God wrought

the victory at the hands of three hundred men who trusted God and were not afraid. When the enemy were turned in flight and men were needed to chase them, he called on all the Ephraimites to help perfect the victory which God had wrought.

It is too early yet to say that God has given us the victory in full, but already, by the hands of men brave and true, the Lord is turning to flight the hosts of His enemies. He is calling, in some countries, for chosen ones to go to the front. Many more are required than the three hundred of Gideon, but He is calling on all to perfect the victory already begun.

How the Lord has encouraged Southern Baptists in their rapidly growing work for the evangelization of the world. He has encouraged us in the number of missionaries and native workers. Year after year they have increased until now they number more than 350. He has encouraged us in the steady increase in the number of baptisms. Look at the record: 1,341 baptisms in 1900; 1,009 in 1901; 1,439 in 1902, and 1,790 in 1903. He has encouraged us in the number of churches in foreign fields—from 94 in 1900 to 127 in 1903. He has encouraged us in the growing receipts from His people for this work—from \$140,102.33 in 1900 to \$218,512.62 in 1903. Best of all He has encouraged us by putting into the hearts of our people a spirit for greater things. What wonderful temporal prosperity, too, He has given us.

In view of all these tokens of encouragement, we should do as Gideon did; worship God and then go right against the hosts of darkness. We can, we must raise this year \$300,000, the amount set by the Convention. Even in this the Lord is encouraging us. We have not yet attained, but our receipts are somewhat ahead of this time last year.

The time of the battle is on us, only a few more weeks and spring will be here, and soon will follow the end of our year, April 30th, 1904. Let us go up to Nashville with joy.

## Baptist Cause in Meridian.

The outlook of the Baptist cause in Meridian is, to mind, brightening. All the churches are prospering, except the Highlands, which has been depleted by removals. Indications are favorable for renewing services in that at no distant day; a flourishing Sunday School is being kept up regularly there now, with an enrollment of say 75. Elder J. R. Farish is a near neighbor, his good wife having charge of the primary class, and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McRaven being faithful helpers. Mrs. Edwin McMorris is a friend in need, and Miss Nettie Roberts an obliging organist. Pastor Bosdell, of the 41st Ave. Church, seldom fails to be present, and is a strong support to the Superintendent.

Seventh Avenue moved to another location, several months ago, building a new house and changing the Sunday School to the morning. The writer could not attend in the forenoon, so resigned after five or six years' service. Elder D. A. Covington

continues to supply the pulpit, and Miss Mollie Lumbley retains her place in the working force. She has been the strength of the organization from the beginning. Two of her chief assistants have been Miss Pearlina Welch and Miss Kate Meyers. It was the third church to constitute a B. Y. P. U., and which is doing well.

South Side is next in order, and is not behind its sister churches in signs of promise. Its pastor, Elder Roper, is a live man, faithfully shepherding his flock. Congregations are good, and the church building is one of the neatest in the city. The Sunday School has been steadily growing, and now an active B. Y. P. U. is reported. When the Memphis & Gulf Railroad reaches here, it will necessarily add much to the strength of South Side—and the road is sure to be built, we believe, in the very near future.

Third, let us note the status of Fifteenth Avenue Church. Pastor Johnson feels greatly encouraged. He has been searching out the strays of his own people as well as strangers, and good results are apparent. His people are supporting him nobly and he is looking for a rich blessing. The Sunday School has put on new life, and the B. Y. P. U. has fully aroused from its slumber; it was the first formed in Meridian.

Fourth, we call attention to Immanuel, which has recently erected a pretty and commodious house of worship—after a patient struggle of nine years. Pastor Elliott and his worthy deacons have illustrated the Bible plan of giving, and some other things of importance. Though somewhat restricted in its field, the Sunday School receives marked attention, and missionary work is a strong feature.

Fifth, we come to 41st Avenue, and would like to say much; but must be brief. It has a history; but of that later. Pastor Bosdell has entered upon the third year of his pastorate. He has been greatly blessed. His labors have been arduous and unceasing. The church has grown not only in numbers, but in work and in the grace of giving. He is recognized as pastor of the Sunday School and first counsellor of the B. Y. P. U. These are considered departments of the church work. Important changes are being made in the house of worship.

Lastly, we take a look at the First Church—the oldest, of course; constituted in 1830, say two miles east of the court house, as "Oakley Valley Baptist Church;" moved to a spot a hundred yards north of McLeMore's Cemetery, in 1854. Its first Sunday School was organized May, 1865, in a building moved from Old Marion and located on the lot now occupied by the pastor's home. A working B. Y. P. U. was organized in the Fall of 1903, and is developing the young people marvelously. Pastor Venable has reason to be glad and rejoice in the Lord.

Of the seven white churches, five have regular services every Lord's Day, and prayer meetings during the week; all have Sunday Schools; one a regular preaching appointment, and one a Sunday School

only. Five have working B. Y. P. U.'s, and when we resume meetings of the Baptist Union, we expect to see a wonderful advance on all lines.

L. A. DUNCAN.

## The Human Side of Philosophers.

Mr. Herbert Spencer's death reminds us that the best of men are but men, at best. Perhaps the majority of people have an idea that a great man must be unlike the average of men in his ways and habits. They are doubtless right in a measure. He is different from the ordinary run of mortals. Certainly it can be said that some eminent philosophers have had strange habits. Kant, who created such a sensation, not among all classes, like Napoleon, who lived about the same time, but in the upper circles of learning throughout Europe, was as extraordinary in his manner of living as he was in his powers of mind. He never married; he only had one regular meal a day, that was at one o'clock, and for thirty years he only once failed to rise promptly at five in the morning, alike in winter and summer. This clear-cut method of living was followed, too, in other respects. Every day he had an hour's walking, whatever the weather; not unlike, in point of regularity, the old lady described in one of William Black's stories, who took her daily constitutional, whether in rain or sunshine, in her four-wheeler, having both windows closed. Kant, though he wrote on almost every subject then taught, was no traveller. He never saw the ocean. In this he was like Jean Paul, of hallowed memory, who declared that though he had not seen the ocean, he would see the "ocean of eternity." All his lifetime Kant did not go more than forty miles from Königsberg, where he was born and educated, and where he taught pupils, and delivered world-famous lectures. But he made up for this limitation by cultivating the company of merchants, and especially ship captains, from whom he always sought to learn of the countries they had visited.

Hegel, another great name in philosophy, was not so methodical in his conduct of life as Kant, but he also had his peculiarities. He was quite a wanderer on the face of the earth—Germany, as well as into other lands. When giving his lectures he invariably had his snuff box at his side, and during a long period of his life he indulged in the questionable habit of snuff-taking. It was an infirmity of a noble mind. One would hardly have supposed, either, that so mighty a thinker would have condescended to the trivialities of thought in which he seems to have indulged his mind. His holiday letters were often charged with descriptions of ladies' straw hats, and other such-like things. Evidently he concluded that his wife, to whom he was deeply attached, would be interested to know how the ladies of Paris dressed, and what nicknacks were on view in the shop windows of Vienna. Even the wives of philosophers are mortal, and Mrs. Hegel was more than pleased at these evi-

dences of her husband's diversions. Hegel was disturbed once by the soldiers of Napoleon when they were in Jena. He had, like Goethe, a great admiration for Bonaparte, and wrote of him as the "world-soul." Yet he did not like to be disturbed in his quiet life, as when the soldiers planged into his lodgings. There was only enough time to stuff his precious manuscript into his pocket, and find refuge in a more secure and secluded part of the city until the tide of unwelcome intruders had swept past. The cholera that entered Europe in 1831 found one of its victims in this brilliant though plain-faced philosopher.

Schopenhauer, the man who turned pessimism into a philosophy, could have been by no means a desirable companion to live with. He seems to have been as unattractive as his books. His mother was a second-rate story writer, and nothing roused the ire of her son so much as being known as "the son of the novelist Johanna Schopenhauer." Although he came to think, and asked others to think with him, that the best thing that could happen to this miserable world would be a grand universal explosion, he at least, in his own way, got the best out of life, showing that even philosophers do not always practice what they preach. He rose at half past seven regularly, and took his bath, in his day, a rare luxury in Germany. Three or four hours continuous reading or writing in a day, he considered enough. At one o'clock he dined at an hotel. He, like Kant, had his daily walk, but took more time at it than the great Königsberg professor, walking at a most rapid rate for two hours without a stop unless an idea struck him, then he would halt suddenly, pull out his note book, and put down the precious thought to which his mind had given birth. Schopenhauer was very fond of poodles. He had a succession of these dogs from his student days. The youngsters were in the habit of dubbing the poodle that trotted after the professor, "Young Schopenhauer." One of his special pleasures was to read the *Times*, which could always be seen, a few days old, in the Frankfurt reading room. This may in a measure have accounted for his pessimistic philosophy. Everybody knows that, beginning with his mother, he had a most unprecedented dislike for ladies, and this feeling was sometimes strongly reciprocated. "Between men this is by nature merely indifference, but between women there is enmity even by nature." He appears not to have been in love with anybody except one person, who may as well be unnamed, for everybody seems to have been an object of dislike to the man who called the people "the sovereign canaille."

Probably no philosophical thinker has had more potent and at the same time silent influence upon the modern world than Benedict Spinoza, the man of whom it has been said, "Spinoza thus reaches the supreme reality of God by denying the reality of everything else. Imagine this student ostracised by his Jewish brethren, denounced by his own and succeeding gener-

ations as atheistical in the extreme, not as a man of bitter moods, but telling the little children to go to church, and teaching them to be dutiful and obedient to their parents. His brief seasons of relaxation found him often watching through the microscope the habits and behavior of insects.—*London Baptist*.

## The Country Churches and Missions.

Never since the idea of world-wide evangelization seized upon the churches have such opportunities for the propagation of the gospel been offered to our churches.

Never were the gates of the heathen world so wide ajar for the coming of the missionary, nor the gospel listened to so eagerly and embraced by so many. The Macedonian cry comes from almost every heathen nation and the missionaries at the front are calling for more workers.

Then the ability of those of us at home has correspondingly increased. Such a boon of financial prosperity as spreads its wings over our Southland has not been seen since before the civil war.

We live in a land where we can grow and manufacture almost everything we need. A land as nearly independent of the balance of the world as any spot on God's earth. What we have to put on the markets finds ready sale at prices not hitherto known to this generation.

The cry in every department of industry from the farm to the great manufacturing centers is for laborers, men, women and children. He who stands idle today it is because he does not want to work.

This prosperity is especially the good fortune of the brethren who live in the country and on the farm. These live at home, or ought to do so, while the world is sending to their very doors for their cotton, corn, hay, pork, cattle, poultry and eggs at prices that almost astonish the seller. These have far the advantage of the laboring man in the towns and cities, for while work is plentiful wages remain practically the same; yet living expenses have almost doubled because of advanced prices.

Brother farmer, consider how much our gracious Master has blessed you, then how He calls upon you to help save a lost world, and how the poor, heathen father, mother, and child grope in darkness and sin, knowing not our Lord and His love, nor the way to everlasting life. What church in the country will head the list, and thus start a mighty move for God and lost humanity?

Brethren, let's have the country church that leads in this cause reported, that we may know where it is and what it does. We often see reports from our city and town churches, but let us know what the brother on the farm is doing with his increased prosperity. May we not expect the largest gifts from our rural churches that have ever been made. Brethren, the eyes of heaven and earth are upon you and are expecting great things for the Lord.

These few lines are sent out from a sincere heart and accompanied by an earnest prayer that they may bring much into the storehouse of our God.

W. A. ROPER.



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## The American Bible Society.

It is sad to contemplate any decline in the vigor and scope of work done by this venerable institution, with a busy record of eighty-eight years, having been organized in 1816, six years later than the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and only two years later than the American Baptist Missionary Union. The main, basic principle of this organization is missionary. It has done a very large business in the translation and free circulation of the Scriptures among the nations and tribes of the earth. At the time this Society sprang into existence the Bible had been translated into about forty tongues. Now it is read in more than four hundred languages and dialects, by people scattered over a large portion of the earth.

The large falling off of gifts to this old Society may be difficult of explanation. Indeed the causes are doubtless complex. It is true, one distinct cause of this falling off lies in the alienation and deflection of Baptist benevolences from the treasury. Baptists have been censured by other denominations for withholding in part their help from the Society. When the Society flatly and finally refused to publish Dr. Judson's translation of the New Testament into the Burmese language, all well-informed and self-respecting Baptists began to cease from full participation in the work in which they had formerly co-operated in full. As the Society persistently refused to print our version of the Testament in Burmese, we were compelled to violate our conscience and stultify our scholarship, and thus suppress a correct translation of the Word from the Burmese people, or have our printing done elsewhere. Baptists could not stultify themselves and prove disloyal to their king and this heathen people. Then, if they must in part at least, have their Testaments published elsewhere, and, of course, pay for it, they must withdraw some of their financial support of the Society. This must follow whether

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they were stung and insulted or not, as their resources were limited. This unfortunate and unwise step was taken seventy years ago. During this long period Baptists have, because they were forced to, established printing houses of their own, where they can print the pure Word of God as they understand it. So naturally more and more, the Baptists have withdrawn from co-operation with this old institution. And not only Baptists, but other denominations, for other and different reasons, have established their own publishing houses, where large quantities of Bibles and Testaments are printed and sold. All this has had a tendency to limit the sales of the Society and to reduce the amount of money contributed to it.

And the recent rule adopted, refusing to publish the Revision of the Scriptures by the committee, composed of the American wing and the English wing drove many from its support. Common sense will suggest to any thinking person that the Revised Version is much superior to the Common Version, especially is this true of the work of the American Committee.

We are unable to perceive the duty of Baptists to neglect their own printing plants to support the Society. However, if help can be extended by Baptists without neglect to their printing establishments; or if any Baptists anywhere, wish to help this old, time-honored Bible Society, we know of no law against doing so.

## To Our Subscribers.

It has not been the policy or practice of THE BAPTIST to bother its readers with frequent appeals in its own interests, but we crave your attention for one minute, to make a statement and a request. We have several thousand dollars due us, on arrears. Altogether enough to pay every dime we owe and leave to our credit a nice balance. We have bills that must be paid. Now, to make the matter short, we beseech every one who reads this notice to turn to the front page of this paper and look at upper right hand corner of page and examine the figures opposite your name. If these figures do not represent a future date, please send us a remittance sufficient to put them in the future. Many have already done this, and others are doing so every day, but as our present needs are pressing, we would appreciate it greatly, if all would act immediately. Brethren, we know you do not mean to make our burden heavier, but each day you delay does this very thing. Please kindly let us hear from you promptly. Promptness will give great relief to us. Confidently waiting, we are praying the Father's rich blessings upon you all.

## Notes and Comments.

The pastor of the First Church, Meridian, is conducting a series of meetings. Bro. Brown, the singer, is with him. We trust that the Lord will graciously manifest his presence in the services.

Pastor Price of the Second Church, be-

gan a meeting last night. On next Monday Rev. W. A. McComb of Gloster will come to his assistance. We are looking for a great blessing upon these exercises.

Through the courtesy of the pastor, Rev. M. R. Cooper, we have received a neat Directory of the First Baptist Church of Radford, Va., for 1904. We are watching with interest the course of our young Mississippi brother loaned to Virginia for a season.

Sunday was a good day with the First Church, Gloster. Large and attractive congregations at all services. One accession for baptism at the morning hour; two baptized at night. To more candidates await the ordinance. These have joined at the regular services.

The time in which to round up our foreign mission collections is short, hardly two months. But with the uncommonly fine weather we are having and the general prosperity in the country, we can do a vast amount of work in these 60 days. Let not only every pastor, but every lover of our Lord do everything he can, and the aggregate at the Convention will surprise us all.

Rev. R. J. O'Bryant, of Epps calls attention through the paper to the fact the Epps Church recently sent to Secretary Rowe \$8.25 for State Missions, instead of \$3.25 as reported in our last issue. We regret these mistakes especially as we are sometimes at fault. But in this case it is impossible to determine from the copy whether it is 8 or 3. Secretary Rowe may speak on this question.

Natchez is on the move. They have received seven new members this year, and there are several more that will be received soon. Their Sunday-school has more than doubled. Last Sunday morning they raised a hundred dollars in about five minutes, to be used in adding more lights in the auditorium. On the whole the work seems to be brightening all the time, and a feeling of gratitude and encouragement prevails.

On the morning of Feb. 27th, the State House of Wisconsin was destroyed by fire. The loss is put down at about \$1,000,000, with practically no insurance. This means the building of a new Capitol, and will doubtless re-open the agitation for the removal of the capitol of Wisconsin from Madison to Milwaukee. Fortunately most of the records together with the library of the State Historical Society were saved.

The Jackson College is enjoying unusual prosperity in its new site. The number of students to date is 283. Some weeks since Barrett Hall, the Girl's Building, was filled, and new comers had to room out. The school has the ablest corps of teachers and the best grade of students it has ever had. It has two representatives—

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former students—missionaries in Africa, one in Liberia and one in Blantyre, British Central Africa. Recently the school sent \$25.00 to Jones in Liberia and \$50.00 to Check in Blantyre. At a recent temperance meeting every student signed the pledge. There is a young men's and a young women's Temperance League among the students. President Barrett and his Colleagues are doing a fine work.

The greatest man is he who chooses the right with invincible resolution, who resists the sorest temptations from within and without, who bears the heaviest burdens cheerfully, who is calmest in storms and most fearless under menace and frowns, whose reliance on truth, on virtue, on God is most unflinching.—W. E. Channing.

Our Story Quarterly, the new periodical for very little folks, published by the American Baptist Publication Society, is rapidly coming into favor with primary teachers. Already its circulation runs into thousands. This is not to be wondered at as the little quarterly is as beautiful as it can be made, is perfectly adapted to the little folks for whom it is intended, and is sold at the very low price of only 4 cents a year in clubs of five or more.

Rev. E. S. P'Pool, has resigned his work at Hermanville, to accept a call to Athens, Texas. We understand that he will leave Hermanville May 1st. We regret very much to lose so valuable a man from our State. But our loss is Texas' gain. He has done a fine work at Hermanville. The church is in good working order and owns a good preacher's home. This change leaves a good opening for some good man. We trust the Lord will lead in the settlement of a new pastor at this good town.

The National Rip Saw is the rather rugged, rasping name of a new monthly paper, making its first appearance with this month. It is published in St. Louis, and edited by Col. Dick Maple. It declares itself to be set against all shams and wrong and silly doing. It lines up on the law and order side of all current questions. It is as blunt as a meat-ax and as rugged as a harrow. We give three examples: "The preacher whom the world calls 'broad minded' because he allows his congregation to go to hell any old way they choose, and does not rebuke them for their sins, generally draws a good salary."

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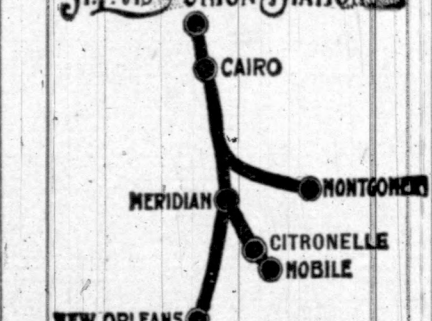
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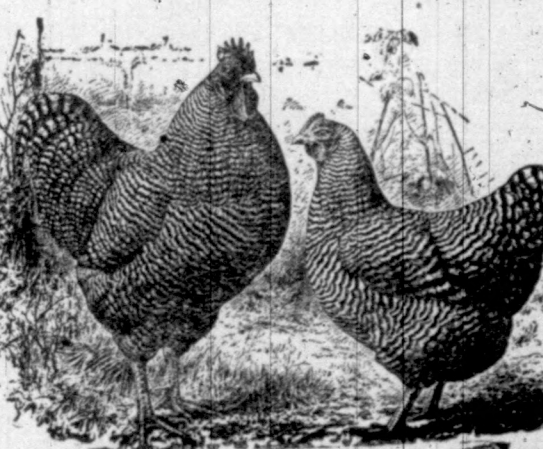
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S. R. YOUNG.

### Mashburn.

At his home, in Pelahatchie, February 24, 1904 Brother H. W. Mashburn died of Pneumonia after an illness of ten days. He was born in the State of Georgia, February 8, 1850; was married to Mattie J. Barrow, November 6, 1870. He leaves a wife and a family of eleven children to mourn his loss. He joined the Baptist church in Pelahatchie in November, 1871, from which time he lived a pure Christian life. The services in respect to his memory were held in the Baptist church in Pelahatchie, and were largely attended by his relatives, neighbors, and friends. May the Lord, whom we serve, be propitious to his bereft family and relatives.

Z. T. LEAVELL.

### Miss Mollie Robbins.

At 9 o'clock a. m., February 21, 1904, Miss Mollie Robbins of Laurel, died. She suffered twenty-three days. Beside the fire in her home her clothing caught and she was horribly burned. She died in spite of medical skill and loving attention. Her place is vacant. In the home she was kind and gentle, and such a good housekeeper for her father, since her mother went to heaven some years ago. Miss Mollie lived a Christian twelve years, and adorned the calling here, and is now, with enlarged vision, adorning heaven, where

"Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,  
 Are feared and felt no more."

J. E. PHILLIPS.

### Mamie Sanderson.

Little Mamie, daughter of Brother John and Sister Ellen Sanderson, aged about nine years, died in Jackson, Feb.

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We extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy, and especially the afflicted mother and sister who were too sorely wounded to follow the remains of the baby girl to her last resting place.

May God bless and sanctify their affliction to the good of all. Though parted on earth may we meet in heaven where we may not part again.

PASTOR.

### In Memoriam.

On the 14th of this month, at the home of her sister, Mrs. G. W. Whitaker, near Redwood, Mrs. Penelope Campbell, aged 70 years, was called home to rest, where her husband and a baby boy, her only child, were called long before.

In the early morning of young girlhood Mrs. Campbell joined the Baptist church, and through the years which followed she was a faithful, earnest Christian, a pure, noble character. When the shadows of the evening of life came she went gladly, fearlessly.

Every one loved "Aunt Pen"—the sweet, refined, gentle old lady whose influence for good was felt upon every heart. She lies asleep in the little graveyard near the church of Bethany, where she came to worship. She sleeps in peace, and in the love of Him who does all things well.

M. D. L.

### Miss Mary E. Green.

After years of suffering and patient endurance the summons was issued February 4th, 1904, and white winged angels bore the soul of Mary E. Green upward to the pearly gates of heaven. For two score years and eleven she has ever been the friend and helper of the suffering, and from 1856 her life has been given to the service of her Maker. She was a devoted member of White Oak Church and many friends and relatives mourn the loss of one whose greatest care was the welfare of others.

The thirty-five years of life's westward journey were spent with her brother, W. J. Green, one mile of her childhood home, and now that death has claimed her, she is laid to rest in the family burying ground.

### Another friend is taken.

Another home made sad;

But harken to the angels—

Another soul is glad.

A LOVED ONE.

### Mrs. Lizzie Lane.

Sister Lizzie Lane was born August 11, 1839. United with Bethlehem Church in Simpson county in early life. Married Brother J. M. Lane July 12, 1877. Died

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at the home of her husband near Hebron February 10, 1904.

She had been a member of Hebron Church since soon after her marriage to Brother Lane, and though she had been in feeble health for several years, she was faithful to fill her seat at church, until a few months before her death, when she could no longer go.

Sister Lane was regarded by those who knew her best as a devout servant of God. She was a faithful wife and a tender, affectionate stepmother, and now her aged husband and five step sons, with their families, and her step daughter, in the home with her father, also two brothers and one sister are left to mourn the loss of one whose delight it was to bring joy into their hearts and homes, and yet, they rejoice in the hope of meeting the loved one in the better land.

HER PASTOR.

### In Memoriam.

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom and mercy, has called from our midst our beloved friend and sister, Mrs. Mary Frances Manning, nee, the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, do hereby adopt the following:

Resolved, That in the death of our beloved sister our Society sustains a great loss, our cause a most self-sacrificing, earnest helper, liberal, kind and beneficent member.

Resolved, That we as members of this Society strive to emulate her virtues, that we may leave behind us a record such as hers, fragrant with good deeds and loving ministries for all who cross our pathway.

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved husband and sorrowing children our tenderest Christian sympathy in this dark hour of trial, and we would commend them to God and the Word of His grace.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and one to THE BAPTIST for publication.

MRS. M. F. YARBOROUGH,  
 MRS. J. A. P. CAMPBELL,  
 MRS. EDWARD YERGER,  
 MRS. MARY HARRIS,  
 Committee.

### Shipp.

Mrs. Monette Davie Shipp, daughter of Captain Gabriel Davie and Dora T. Davie, and wife of Dr. T. T. Shipp, died at Picketts, Miss., February 17, 1904. Deceased was born at Clarksville, Tenn., August 16, 1871. Most of her early life, before coming to Mississippi, was spent at Faywood, Ky., near Versailles. December 18, 1894, she was married to Dr. T. T. Shipp, by Rev. E. E. Tharpe, at Collinston, La., whence she had gone, in 1891, to live with her great uncle James Monette. In the year 1899, she came to Mississippi, and for the past five years Picketts has been her home.

In 1883, at twelve years of age, she united with the old Mt. Vernon Church, in Woodford county, Ky., and the light of faith burned brightly to the end. It was her pleasure to attend church ser-

vice, and "do what her hands found to do." For her church people and her friends, she kept open house. In her home, she united the practical qualities of a Martha with the tender heart of a Mary. Sympathy and a ready hand were stretched out to the sick. She was the friend of all, and had not a neighbor who will not miss her, while her loss to the husband and little daughter is unutterable. Young and happy, surrounded by love, so much needed, and so much to live for, we with earth-dimmed sight see not why she was taken. But "some day, some time, we'll understand" why so much medical skill, and loving ministrations failed. As her body was tenderly laid away in the Picketts cemetery, each heart felt, "a good woman is gone." Deepest sympathy goes out to the broken home circle; but we feel they have the solace of the Christian's hope, and the resurrection.

### Married.

At the home of the bride's father in Martin, February 4, 1904, Mr. W. W. Noble and Miss Sallie M. Clark, all of Claiborne county, S. R. Young officiating.

On February 24, 1904, at the home of the bride's father, Mr. M. B. Lowe and Miss Lucy E. Haman, the writer officiating. God bless them.

P. A. HAMAN.

Mr. Thaddeus E. Davis to Miss Callie Laird at the home of her mother, Laurel, Miss., February 21, 1904, 4:30 p. m. First-class young folks—Baptists.

J. E. PHILLIPS.

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. John Brown, February 21, 1904, by Rev. J. W. Jones, Mr. Jacob M. Jones to Miss Clara M. Brown, of Tillatoba, Miss.

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Killebrew, Durant, Miss., Mr. B. M. Crow and Miss Pattie Killebrew, Sunday, February 21, 1904, Pastor T. A. Moore officiating. The happy couple will live near Ethel, Miss. Smile on young friends.

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## WOMAN'S WORK.

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## Woman's Central Committee:

Mrs. E. G. Hackett, President,  
Meridian; Mrs. W. R. Woods,  
Secretary, Meridian.

## Program.

March 1904.

Subject—Italy.

"In due season, we shall reap if we faint not."

1. The 111th Psalm, to be read alternately.

2. Thanksgiving for all God's goodness, making mention of the truth as it is in Jesus.

3. "A Review of Progress" by Dr. E. E. Bomar.

4. Ways of Helping Missions—Prayer, Matt. 9:37, 38; 2 Cor. 1:11; Preaching, Mark 3:14; Sustaining, 1 Cor. 9:14.

The reward of sharing in missions: Fruit eternal, John 4:36; Fruit proportionate, 2 Cor. 9:6; Our Lord's commendation, Matt. 25:23.

5. Keynote of Short Talk by Leader: "I see no business in life but the work of Christ, neither do I desire any employment in all eternity, but His service."—Henry Martyn.

7. Extracts from Feathers—"Italy and the Gospel" by Dr. Whittinghill.

8. Letters from "Tourists" to Italy who are to be appointed at least two weeks before the meeting to make an imaginary trip and write to the Society regarding various points of interest.

9. Business, etc. Appoint Committee to distribute envelopes for "Special Offerings for Home Missions" throughout the church if this has not already been done, also arrange for observance of the Week of Prayer.

10. Remember to honor God by special prayer for special needs offered by different members of the Society. In an "Ideal" meeting, all prayer is not by the leader or included in the opening exercises.

## A Homely Illustration.

When you get a sliver in your finger, the sensation is anything but pleasant. Allow it to remain long enough and it will fester and give you a lot of trouble. Remove the cause and the pain will stop. It's the same way with the whole body. When your head aches, it is nature's message sent from the stomach to the brain. Every throb is but a click in the message whose letters spell "danger—send relief." Some people, when they get a headache, rush to the drug store and swallow some powerful tablet or powder which sets the heart to thumping and the blood racing around the body at a terrific rate. Do you? Other people take strong purgatives which rip and tear through the stomach and bowels leaving them irritated and sore. Do you? Still other people take Vernal Palmetto (formerly known as Vernal Saw Palmetto Berry Wine). It is a sensible remedy to use. It removes the cause of the trouble. It helps the stomach and bowels to get rid of poisonous waste matter; by stimulating their natural muscular action it tones up and strengthens the nerves; it enriches the blood and builds up hard, healthy tissues. Only one small dose a day is required to permanently cure ailments of stomach, liver, bowels, heart, kidneys and blood. Try it before you buy. Write us for a free sample bottle. It will do you good. Promptly sent postpaid. Formula sent in every package. Address, Vernal Remedy Co., 542 Seneca Building, Buffalo, N. Y. Sold at all druggists.

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This is another instance illustrating the teaching of an article in the present number of the Magazine, under the caption, "The Part Contains the Whole." The ring, we are informed, was worth \$75. It helped the cause of missions to the amount of \$1,100. But the end is not in that sum of money. The moral influence of the benevolent act can be traced and estimated only by the omniscient God. The good done, the blessings procured for perishing souls in Pagan lands, by the gift of that ring, and the use of the money which the ring finally brought into the treasury of the Lord, may not be computed by the symbols of our poor arithmetic.

Shall I wrench from my finger the ring  
To cast to the tramp at my door?  
Shall I tear off each luminous thing  
To drop in the palm of the poor?

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What shall I do to be just?  
Teach me, O Ye in the light,  
Whom the poor and the rich alike trust:  
My heart is aflame to be right.  
Yes, take from your finger the ring,  
But not for the tramp at the door;  
Turn its gold into coin that will bring  
Relief to the pain of the poor.  
Care not if this will be just—  
Think but of Him who was light.  
Whom the poor and the rich alike trust:  
So shall you know you are right.

## The Jews in the Southern States.

According to the latest and most reliable statistics, there are 206,635 Jews in the Southern States. The majority of them were born in the different countries of Europe, and have come here to find an asylum and to escape the horrible persecutions which are still raging against them in many of the so-called Christian countries across the sea.

Appreciating fully their political and religious freedom, the Jews are law abiding and make good citizens. Coming to America with centuries of prejudice against the Gentiles, the Jews in the Eastern and Northern States, being strong numerically, congregate together, and to a large extent remain in isolation, but with the Jew in the Southern States it is different. From a social and business standpoint the Jews in the South and the Christians are on better terms than anywhere else. Yet in religion a gulf still separates them. Very little, if anything, has been done to reach the Jew with the glorious gospel of the Son of God. It is for this reason little can be said of the accessibility of the Southern Jew beyond this:

1. Wherever Christ and His

gospel have been preached to the Jew he has finally yielded. Jewish missionary societies in the countries of Europe, where they have been established, number thousands of converted Jews. The Church of England alone has over four hundred ministers and missionaries of the seed of Abraham.

2. As bearing directly on the accessibility of the Southern Jews to the influences of Christianity, actual experience should have more weight than theory. In 1883, the brother of the writer, Joseph J. Magarh, who had been converted through the reading of the New Testament, and who, on account of weakness of the lungs was obliged to come South, inaugurated in Savannah, Georgia, the first Hebrew Mission in the South. The following year I came to this country, having found my Savior through the instrumentality of the London Society for the Propagation of the Gospel among the Jews. For nearly two years we travelled over many parts of the South arousing churches to the importance of preaching the gospel to the "Lord's own kinsmen according to the flesh," and also preaching to the Hebrews, who came in goodly numbers to the services. Christian missions to the Jews are based on the great commission of our Lord, and the Church of Christ is as much under obligation to preach to them as to the Gentiles everywhere.—Rev. Julius Magarh.

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BY W. H. PATTON.

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And she is so babyish, too;  
And mamma slyly laughs at the non-  
sense.  
But grandma believes it is true.  
I did it all up in brown paper,  
And laid it just there by her plate,  
She put on her glasses so slowly  
I thought that I never could wait,  
But when she had opened the bundle,  
"My patience!" she said, "now com-  
plete!  
A dear little box for my knitting,  
Now isn't old Santa Claus sweet!"  
To think that the funny old fellow  
Should notice I needed just this  
If he should come in here this morning,  
I think I should give him a kiss!"  
She never once looked at me—never,  
Of course; I had nothing to say.  
But I was so mortified, truly,  
I just had to run right away.  
Poor grandma! I do hate to tell her,  
But some day, of course, she'll find out;  
And then she will laugh to remember  
What once she was puzzled about.  
But, as for that beautiful work-box  
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